

I, Jeremy Barker, Plant Manager, North Carolina, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

I work for a major player in the wind energy business here in America and overseas and because of the PTC passing in recent years, we have been able to hire over 100 employees as full time employees because of the business and job creation that the PTC drives. It makes no sense to let these tax credits expire and let our great country move backwards in renewable energy, specifically wind. By not passing the PTC as soon as possible and with urgency our customers are waiting to see what is going to happen. Because of that we will not receive new deals and orders for these wind turbines thus causing us to have to lay off workers. America needs jobs and job creation and that is what we see all over the media and by Congress not passing this, we will start to take steps backwards. Companies can plan, strategize, and form partnerships for future contracts once this PTC passes. Please take the jobs of Americans into consideration.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.